

MINUTES OF

THE RHODE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL-RECREATIONAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Meeting #441– March 7, 2008

PRESENT: Frank R. Benell -- Chairperson

Frances H. Gammell-Roach -- Vice Chairperson

William B. Sweeney -- Member

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Saul – Managing Director of Finance

Earl F. Queenan, Jr. -- Manager

Alicia A. Pomfret -- Assistant Manager

Anthony J. Scolavino -- Sr. Financial Program Administrator

Claudine Tikoian -- Loan Portfolio Manager

Thomas V. Moses, Esquire -- Legal Counsel

Carrie Abatiello, Esquire -- Legal Counsel

Robert C. Bromley -- Senate Fiscal Office

The meeting was held at 315 Iron Horse Way, Providence, and was

called to order by Chairman Benell at 8:39 a.m.

Mr. Benell presented the Public Session Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2008. Following review and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Sweeney, was seconded by Mrs. Gammell-Roach, and was unanimously adopted to accept the Public Session Minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Mr. Benell presented the Executive Session Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2008. Following review and discussion, a motion was made by

Mrs. Gammell-Roach, was seconded by Dr. Sweeney, and was unanimously approved to Accept and to Maintain the Confidentiality of the Executive Session Minutes. A roll call vote was held:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Mr. Queenan presented the Watch List as of February 29, 2008. He noted that there was nothing to report on STEM CELLS, INC. Mr. Moses discussed the ULTRA FINE POWDER TECHNOLOGIES payoff.

It is scheduled to close within 7 days. CARPENTER INDUSTRIES will purchase the Company. They are a United States of America based, Fortune 500 Company. All existing 12 employees will be hired and the company expects to expand rapidly. The recovery to the Authority will be about \$600,000. Following this, a motion to accept the report as presented was made by

Dr. Sweeney, was seconded by Mrs. Gammell-Roach, and was unanimously approved. A roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Mr. Queenan presented and performed a review of the Portfolio Report as of

February 29, 2008. A motion was made by Dr. Sweeney, was seconded by

Mrs. Gammell-Roach, and was unanimously approved to accept this report as

submitted. A vote by roll call was taken:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Mr. Queenan presented the Internally Prepared Interim Financial

Statements for the eight months ended February 29, 2008. Following review of the statements, a motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented was made by Dr. Sweeney, was seconded by Mrs. Gammell-Roach, and was unanimously approved. A vote by roll call was held:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Messrs. Saul and Moses discussed the Resolution that was drafted by legal counsel pursuant to the powers contained in Article V, Section I, of the Authority Bylaws. The Resolution is in alignment with the Capital Growth Legislation that has been proposed to the General Assembly. Should the Assembly approve the Legislation during the current session, the law would take effect in the next fiscal year, 2009. Based on that approval, the Resolution will decrease the aggregate amount of mortgage insurance that the Authority may issue from \$80,000,000, to \$50,000,000. And it will allow the Authority to issue up to \$20,000,000 in the aggregate of repayment for twenty-first century economy asset loans. After discussion of the Resolution and the Capital Growth Legislation efforts, a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to the Board was made by Mrs. Gammell-Roach, was seconded by Dr. Sweeney, and was approved unanimously. A roll call vote was held:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

Mr. Saul reported that the renewal of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance will be performed as an element of the EDC's process. It will continue to be a separate policy from the EDC's policy. He and Mr. Queenan will sit in on the bid process. Staff noted that there were no other administrative matters to discuss.

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Benell requested a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Gammell-Roach made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Sweeney seconded, and it was unanimously approved to end the meeting. A roll call vote followed:

Mrs. Gammell-Roach – aye

Dr. Sweeney – aye

Mr. Benell – aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Pomfret
Assistant Manager